Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Award Criteria

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I. Name: Recreation Professional of the Year

II. Criteria

A. A recreation professional is defined as a person who has a major responsibility for teaching recreation pre-professionals/professionals, or for conducting recreation programming and/or administration in an educational, public, or private recreation setting for at least five years.

B. The candidate must be a current member of VAHPERD.

C. In addition, the candidate must be a person who:

1. Serves as a positive role model epitomizing the values and desired outcomes of recreation;

2. Demonstrates enthusiasm for the recreation profession and his/her role in it;

3. Shows interest in and sensitivity to the needs of students, clients, and fellow professionals;

4. Utilizes various methodologies and implements creative, innovative, safe, and effective courses/recreation programs based on: a) the developmental, social, and psychological needs of students and clients and b) the philosophies, purposes, needs, and resources of the sponsoring institution;

5. Assumes responsibility for his/her professional growth and evidences professional commitment through membership and involvement in local, state, and national recreation organizations.

III. Rules for Nomination

A. Any recreation professional who meets the criteria may apply personally for this award or be nominated by a colleague.

IV. Application

A. Nominations must be submitted (typewritten) to the Chair of the Awards Committee by June 1.
B. The Chair of the Awards Committee will send the candidate a Candidate Application Form and publicity release form by June 10.

C. The application form and publicity release form must be completed by the nominee and returned to the Chair of the Awards Committee by August 1.

D. Three to five reference letters from school officials, colleagues, supervisors or parents should be submitted with the application.

E. Attach separate sheets, if needed, to expand on the candidate’s qualifications under the Awards Policy and Procedures criteria. Major consideration for the award will be given to those criteria.

F. Additional supporting material such as current resume, course outlines, programs and newspaper clippings may be included. Please DO NOT INCLUDE video tapes.

G. Nominees, if not selected, shall remain eligible for a period of two years.